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Serial No.: 10/675,900) Group Art Unit: 1623
Date Filed: September 30, 2003) Examiner: Maier, Leigh C.
For: ACYLATED CYCLODEXTRIN:) Confirmation No.: 6139
GUEST MOLECULE INCLUSION)
COMPLEXES)

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CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Total Claims	56	minus	59	= 0	x \$9.00/18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	minus	3	= 0	x \$40.00/80.00	\$0.00
[] First Presentation of a Multiple Dependent Claim					+ \$135.00/270.00	N/A
EXTENSION FEE	1 st Month \$55/110 []	2 nd Month \$215/430 []	3 rd Month \$490/980 []	4 th Month \$765/1530 []		\$0.00
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In the Office Action dated March 28, 2006, the Examiner has restricted the application and has required an election of one of following two groups.

- I. Claims 1-22 and 26-59, drawn to a composition comprising an inclusion complex (acylated cyclodextrin and guest molecule) and a polymer, classified in class 424, subclass 400+; and
- II. Claims 23-25, drawn to process for preparing composition comprising an inclusion complex (acylated cyclodextrin and guest molecule) and a polymer, classified in class 523, subclass 1+.

As required in response to this Action, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, Claims 1-22 and 26-59, with traverse.

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Applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement be reconsidered. For a restriction requirement to be proper, the Examiner must satisfy the following two criteria: (1) the existence of independent and distinct inventions (35 U.S.C. § 121); and (2) that the search and examination of the entire application cannot be made without *serious burden* on the Examiner. M.P.E.P. § 803 provides:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions. (*Emphasis added.*)

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has not shown that the second requirement has been met. Specifically, there has been no showing that it would be a *serious burden* to search and examine the four groups together.

For the reasons stated above, Applicants respectfully assert that restriction of the claims as set forth by the Examiner would be contrary to promoting efficiency, economy and expediency in the Patent Office and further point out that restriction by the Examiner is discretionary (M.P.E.P. § 803.01). Examining all of the claims together would eliminate the necessity of prosecuting multiple, separate, yet intimately related applications. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that all of the claims of this application be examined together. Consequently, reconsideration and modification or withdrawal of the restriction requirement is requested.

Applicants also wish to remind the Examiner of the guidelines for rejoinder of claims as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 821.04, as they apply to the pending claims of the instant application.

CONCLUSION

Applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-22 and 26-59, with traverse. Claims 1-59 are pending.

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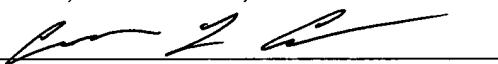
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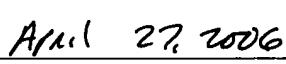

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